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## STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

Kindly advise us as to the status of the above-identified application.

An outline of the communications between the Applicants and the Patent Office follows.

The application was filed on March 22, 2000.

The Filing Receipt and Notification of Acceptance of Application were received by Applicants on April 20, 2001.

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed by the Applicants on June 22, 2001.

The Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document, dated March 22, 2001, was received by the Applicants on July 16, 2001.

Applicants are aware of the recent delays in the processing of mail. However,
Applicants are still concerned that they have not received any communication from the Patent
Office concerning this application in over a year.

Applicants believe that no fee is required in connection with the filing of a Status Inquiry. However, if any fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 08-2461.

It is respectfully requested that you advise the undersigned of the present status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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